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Rochester vs. Toronto Monday, September 1, 1997

TONIGHT'S GAME: The Rochester Rhinos (13-14) know exactly what they must do this evening in order to finish third in the Northeast Division and face the Long Island Rough Riders in the first round of the playoffs -- WIN! ... A victory keeps the Rhinos in third and sets up game one of the Northeast Division Semi-Finals on Wednesday, September 3, versus the Rough Riders at Frontier Field; game time is 7:35 pm ... Playoff tickets are on sale now at the Frontier Field Box Office through the conclusion of half-time tonight ... A loss means the Rhinos will host Montreal on Wednesday in playoff game one ... Rochester charges in having won three of their last five games, outscoring opponents 12-7 in the process ... Toronto (14-13) needs a win, even of the shoot-out variety, and they will finish in third place; if the two teams tie, the Lynx will garner third place by virtue of more points earned in head-to-head meetings against the Rhinos ... Toronto has lost four straight and are only 4-11 in their last 15 matches ...

MAYBE .500 ISN'T SO BAD: The last two pro teams in Rochester to win their league championships finished the season with .500 or below records ... The Amerks won the 1996 Calder Cup Championship despite a 37-38-5 record during the 1995-96 AHL season; Rochester posted a 15-4 playoff record en route to the championship ... The Knighthawks were crowned 1997 MILL World Champions last season after they posted a 5-5 mark during the regular season; they recorded a perfect 2-0 record in the playoffs ...

WATCH OUT, MILLER'S HOT: Over the course of his first two Rhinos seasons, F Doug Miller has not only shown he likes to score goals, but he likes to do it in bunches ... Last season, Miller had stretches where he netted eight goals in four games and six goals in five games; he also scored goals in four consecutive contests ... This season, Miller has a run where he scored at least one goal in seven straight games, totaling 12 overall ... He enters tonight with seven goals in his last four matches ...

AWARDS NIGHT: The perennial Rhinos All-Star Miller is expected to be named the team MVP prior to the start of tonight's contest ... Miller, the A-League's top goal scorer and point producer, was chosen by his teammates as the winner ... Rochester F Jimmy Glenn should finish the season as the top assist man on the Rhinos, setting a single season team record in the process; Glenn enters the game with eight on the season ... M Tommy Tanner has taken over the lead for most career Rhinos assists, surpassing Lenin Steenkamp in that department ... Both Tanner and Glenn are among the players being considered for the annual Rhinos Leadership award which will also be presented tonight ...

GIVE YOURSELVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE: The entire Rochester Rhinos organization would like to thank each and every Rhinos fan in Rochester for their outstanding support during our second season ... You have truly established yourselves as the premier soccer fans in the country and are used as a barometer of success throughout pro soccer in the U.S. ... Eight of 13 previous home games have drawn over 10,000 fans this season, a number unmatched by the rest of the 23 A-League teams combined.

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NO.	NAME	POS	GP	GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SHOTS	FOULS	CARDS		SHOOTOUT	
											C	E	G	ATT
19	MILLER, Doug	F	24	21	1,906	22	4	48	74	24	3	1	0	2
18	GLENN, Jimmy	F	27	27	2,224	13	8	34	57	23	1	0	1	5
23	STEENKAMP, Lenin	M	21	17	1,400	4	4	12	37	13	2	1	0	0
11	VIGNJEVIC, Nikola	M	21	11	1,194	3	3	9	35	12	1	0	1	3
8	TANNER, Tommy	M	19	17	1,355	2	5	9	10	26	4	1	0	2
7	GUTIERREZ, Henry	M	17	16	1,384	1	5	7	40	31	5	0	1	1
9	MONTEIRO, Darci	M	11	5	604	2	2	6	16	21	6	1	0	0
20	DALIGCON, Nate	M	3	1	137	2	0	4	5	2	0	0	0	0
6	RIVAS, Rene	M/D	7	7	630	2	0	4	10	17	2	0	0	0
15	ALAMO, Ezikeil	M	20	6	883	1	2	4	6	25	3	0	0	2
5	VILLAGRA, Gustavo	M	19	19	1,717	0	3	3	15	52	7	0	0	1
12	KIRMSE, Mike	M	12	6	686	1	0	2	19	11	1	0	0	1
3	HOUSER, Nate	D	20	16	1,388	0	2	2	7	30	4	0	3	4
10	McKAY, Yogi	M	19	17	1,558	0	1	1	13	27	3	0	0	2
27	KOETTERS, Kevin	D	21	19	1,737	0	1	1	8	16	0	0	0	3
17	DAUDA, Fuseini	D	17	15	1,450	0	1	1	4	54	7	2	0	1
6	WALTON, Mali	D	5	5	580	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1
4	MINOTT, Leon	D	17	14	1,320	0	0	0	3	26	4	0	0	0
14	SMOTRICH, Yuriy	D	16	16	1,408	0	0	0	1	20	1	1	0	1
16	KENNEL, Chris	D	16	9	986	0	0	0	3	12	0	0	0	2
12	MERCIK, Joe	D	3	2	255	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
13	VUCKOVIC, Bojan	F	4	2	199	0	0	0	8	4	1	0	0	1
22	STUART, Darrell	F	3	1	71	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
26	MAROEJIC, Novica	M	2	1	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	MILLER, Scott	M	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	STODDARD, Justin	D	4	1	162	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0
1	ANDRACKI, Billy	GK	27	27	2,469	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
0	THOMPSON, Rett	GK	2	0	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS			27	27	2,528	53	42	148	372	458	63	7	6	30

NO.	GOALKEEPER	GP	GS	MINS	GA	SVS	GAA	SQ	RECORD			SHOTS	SHOOTOUT			RECORD
									W	L	T		FACED	SAVES	GA	L
1	ANDRACKI, Billy	27	27	2,469	42	145	1.53	6	13	14	33	33	8	12	0	5
0	THOMPSON, Rett	2	0	59	3	4	4.58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM TOTALS		27	27	2,528	45	149	1.66	6	13	14	33	33	8	12	0	5

NOTE: Andracki & Thompson shared Shutout on 8/29/97 (4-0 vs Long Island)

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